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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Official Action of January 10, 2009, in which a threemonth shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on April 10, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding objections and rejections set forth in the above mentioned Official Action, in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks:

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AMENDMENTS to the drawings are discussed on page 5 of this paper:

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